

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 19-32, 34, 36, and 37 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant AMENDS claims 19 and 32.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 34, 36, and 37 by the Examiner.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 20, 24-26, 28, and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 19, 21-23, 27, 29, 31, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kouyama et al. (U.S. 4,280,582).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of claims 19, 21-23, 27, 29, 31, and 32.

Claim 19 has been amended to recite:

A saddle riding vehicle comprising:  
a head pipe that supports a steering shaft so as to rotate freely;  
a body frame including a main frame that is connected to the head pipe and extends obliquely downward along a centerline of the vehicle in a width direction of the vehicle toward the rear of the vehicle, and a pair of left and right subframes that are connected to left and right sides of the main frame, respectively, and extend obliquely downward to the rear; and  
**a motor supported by and suspended from the main frame and the subframes such that the motor is not supported at a front of the motor or from below the motor by the body frame;** wherein  
**the body frame does not include a downtube extending downward from the head pipe in front of the motor.** (emphasis added)

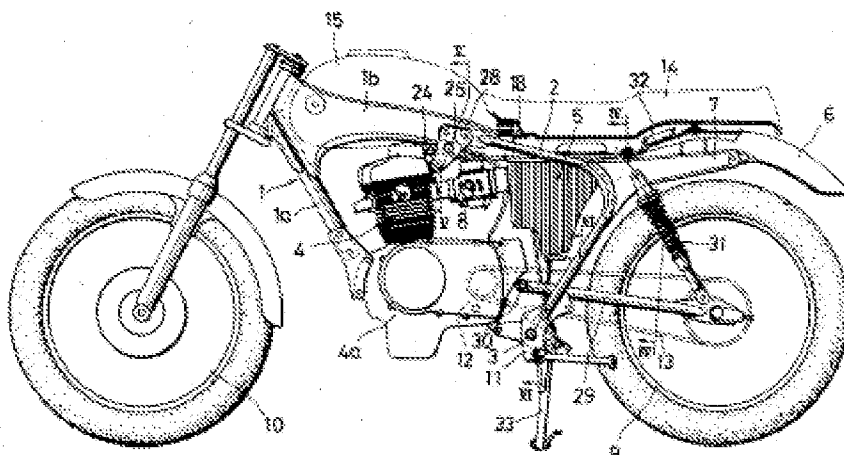
Applicant's claim 32 has been amended to recite features that are similar to the features recited in Applicant's claim 19, including the above-emphasized features.

The Examiner alleged that Kouyama et al. teaches a body frame including a main frame 1, a pair of left and right subframes 2 connected to the left and right sides of the main frame, and a motor 4 supported by and suspended from the main frame and the subframes such that the motor 4 is not supported from below.

Applicant has amended claim 19, and similarly claim 32, to recite the features of "a motor supported by and suspended from the main frame and the subframes such that the motor is not supported at a front of the motor or from below the motor by the

body frame” and “the body frame does not include a downtube extending downward from the head pipe in front of the motor.” Support for these features is found in, for example, paragraph [0015] of Applicant’s Substitute Specification filed February 14, 2006 and Figs. 1 and 2 of Applicant’s originally filed drawings.

In contrast to Applicant’s claimed invention, Kouyama et al. clearly shows in Fig. 2, reproduced below, that the body frame 1 includes a downtube 1a extending downward from the head pipe to support a front of what appears to be the crankcase 4a of the motor 4.



Thus, Kouyama et al. fails to teach or suggest the features of “a motor supported by and suspended from the main frame and the subframes such that the motor is not supported at a front of the motor or from below the motor by the body frame” and “the body frame does not include a downtube extending downward from the head pipe in front of the motor,” as recited in Applicant’s claim 19, and similarly recited in Applicant’s claim 32.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kouyama et al.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 19 and 32 are allowable. Claims 20-31 depend upon claim 19, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that claim 19 is allowable. As indicated

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above, claims 34, 36, and 37 have been allowed by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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